

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
U.S. Senator  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley,

Thank you for your letter dated February 18, 2021 regarding the actions of Islamic Relief Agency (ISRA).

Under my leadership, the U.S. Mission to the United Nations (USUN) worked to consistently rebut ISRA's false claims that it was wrongly designated on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list by the U.S. government. During my tenure, USUN repeatedly forced the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to postpone the consideration of ISRA for accreditation by raising questions about its status and funding.

In support of these efforts to prevent the accreditation of ISRA by the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, USUN regularly coordinated with the U.S. State and Treasury Departments to ensure it had the most up-to-date information available. Enclosed with this letter please find public records of some of USUN's actions at the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

If confirmed, I can assure you that I share the goal of ensuring that the U.S. Agency for International Development takes all appropriate measures to prevent misuse of its funding—whether for terrorism, corruption, or any other types of abuse. Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Power", with a stylized flourish above the name.

Samantha Power

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Enclosure:

Please find records of the January 2014, January 2015, and May 2015 sessions of the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2014/ecosoc6593.doc.htm>:

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2015/ecosoc6662.doc.htm>:

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2015/ecosoc6694.doc.htm>: